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7. (amended) A basketball backboard assembly according to claim 1, further comprising one or more bond gap spacers located between the frame bonding surface and the backboard bonding surface to provide a defined bond gap.

8. (amended) A basketball backboard assembly according to claim 7, wherein the one or more bond gap spacers comprise spherical beads.

14. (twice amended) A basketball backboard assembly sized and configured for playing the game of basketball comprising:

a metal backboard frame structure having a bonding surface;

an acrylic backboard having a bonding surface; and

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a catalyzed silicone adhesive sandwiched between the frame bonding surface and the backboard bonding surface, wherein the silicone adhesive has a bond gap in the range from about 2 to 2.5 mm, wherein the silicone adhesive is configured to provide a set time in the range from about 5 minutes to 1 hour, wherein the silicone adhesive provides sufficient adhesion and flexibility to the acrylic backboard and frame structure bonding surfaces to be used in the game of basketball; and

one or more bond gap spacers located between the frame bonding surface and the backboard bonding surface to provide the bond gap.

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16. (amended) A basketball backboard assembly according to claim 14, wherein the one or more bond gap spacers comprise spherical beads.

Claim
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